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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJECT: ROK EMBASSY INQUIRY ABOUT SINO-SOVIET BORDER

1. DURING MAR 12 CALL AT DEPT, ROK EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY (PARK) SAID THAT ROKG HAD OBTAINED INFORMATION THAT TENSIONS WERE INCREASING ALONG SINO-SOVIET BORDER AND INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO CHECK WITH DEPT. PARK SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT REVEAL SOURCE OR NATURE OF ROKG'S INFORMATION BUT INDICATE BLUE HOUSE INTEREST IN SUBJECT. PARK HAD PREPARED LONG LIST OF QUESTIONS: ARE THERE ANY SIGNS OF TROUBLE ALONG BORDER? HAVE DEPLOYMENTS ALONG BORDER CHANGED? WHAT ARE CHINESE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES? WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS? HOW WOULD SINO-SOVIET WAR AFFECT KOREA, THE SOUTH-NORTH TALKS? HOW WOULD JAPAN REACT? ETC.

2. DEPTOFF TOLD PARK THAT US SAW NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT BORDER INCIDENTS HAD OCCURED, THAT DEPLOYMENTS ALONG BORDER HAD CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY OR THAT EITHER SIDE WAS OTHERWISE PREPARING FOR HOSTILITIES. DEPTOFF EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING OF INFO THAT HAD OCCASIONED INQUIRY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: NONE. KISSINGER

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